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New Spring Goods Now On Sale.

son that is now upon us. everything in the way of Spring Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Shoes and Gent's Furnishings is complete and well selected. Infinite care has been taken to secure this best at the lowest prices.

We invite you to call at once and see the very latest things upon which Dame Fashion has set her approval for the season.

MILLINERY.

WE have added to our already large stock a complete line of Millinery. Miss Lillian Vane, from Baltimore, Md., will arrive in a few days to take charge of this department. Miss Vane comes well recommended as a lady and an up-to-date Milliner.

Remember the line will be absolutely new and perfect in style. Watch for Opening Day Announcements, which will appear a little later.

Yours truly,

Arcadia Mercantile Company.

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Arcadia needs a new hotel.

Now is the time to plant shade trees.

It is not too late yet to set shade trees.

A Young Men's Christian Association would be a good organization for Arcadia.

Let us not forget the hotel proposition. It is a necessity and would also prove a luxury to the people of Arcadia.

The hotel accommodations of Arcadia as far as they go, are as good as can be found in the state but there is not enough of them. Let's build another.

Our citizens are slow to clear off their lots in the burnt districts of our town. A little work along this line would add a great deal to the appearance of their property.

Charles D. Tuten, mayor of Jasper, died on Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Daily Capital. It is with regret that the editor of this paper notes the above announcement. Charles was one of his best friends playmates in boyhood days.

F. R. Sherwood, Gainesville, Texas, dropped dead just after leading the "grand march" at a fancy dress ball the night of February 14. He was an Episcopalian and prominent in business circles. If dancing is harmless, the ballroom is a good place to die in.

The state of Florida had best spend some of its money in trying to get people here to settle on some of the many thousands of acres of tilable land we have already at our command, than to spend it trying to reclaim the Everglades, land that we will not need in many years.

There are tons of rubbish ornamenting (?) the premises of some of our citizens and unless it is removed and cleaned up we may expect a vast amount of sickness this summer. We have had no cold this winter to kill the malaria germs and we may expect sickness unless we polish up a little.

On last Saturday another wreck occurred on the Coast Line at the trestle over Whidden creek about three miles south of Fort Meade. Considerable damage was done to the cars and freight but no people killed or seriously injured. Some days ago one of the officials of this road made the statement that "we have never killed a passenger on this piece of road." This is due to their good luck in having freight trains fall through their old rotten bridges instead of passenger trains. They are indeed fortunate but this may not be the case long if some repairs are not made soon.

Florida Products Sell Well.

All Florida stuff is way up and vegetables are in the van of the high prices. Grapefruit brings top prices of the season and \$5 a crate finds many purchasers. Cabbage is in good shape but the market this week was somewhat oversupplied. This kept prices down a bit but it is anticipated by the trade that next week will find a small supply here and the stock on hand then will be worth considerably more. That is why many of the commission folks refused to sell at the prevailing price of about \$2.25 a crate and are holding off for next week's early rates. Peppers are very scarce and are readily sold at quotations. Beets are in splendid demand, while cucumbers will easily bring from \$5 to \$6 if they could only be had. The trouble is to get the stuff in the market. Fancy eggplants bring high prices while tomatoes are higher than ever. Fancy stock will easily bring from \$5 to \$6 and at that is absorbed rapidly. There are only a few boxes in the market now and the demand is very stiff. Tangerines are very scarce and badly wanted.—Packer.

STATE NEWS.

Jacksonville will have a cotton factory.

A railroad is projected to run from Opelika, Ala., to Panama City, Fla., on the west coast.

In the percentage of increase of passenger receipts for the year 1905 over 1904 St. Petersburg stands first over all the towns and cities on the Atlantic Coast Line of railways covering the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The grand jury has recommended the bonding of St. Lucie county for general improvements.

The bank of Sarasota opened its doors for business on the 19 with J. T. Campbell as cashier.

The east coast has four thousand white men employed on their Key West extension.

Little Helen Treadwell.

Many hearts in our community are deeply saddened, not only because of sympathy with the bereaved parents, but from a sense of personal loss, through the flight of darling little Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Treadwell. She was like a lovely flower daily unfolding some new beauty and grace, and filling those about her with joy and gladness.

If we did not know that "He doeth all things well" such sorrows could not be borne, but with his blessings they form ties which bind us to the Mansions above, where we shall know and be known forever.

Her sweetness, her purity, have not been in vain; those who were permitted to be about her have received a blessing which will always abide with them.

Arcadia Opera House.

A very interesting and amusing entertainment will be given here the 20th of March, when Walden will give a performance of conjuring, sleight of hand and tricks of magic.

He has mastered the art to a wonderful degree of amusing, confusing and mystifying, and his audiences invariably feel highly satisfied with his cleverly executed performance.

He grows roses in so short a time that gardeners view him with envious eye, makes and serves coffee in so short a time that housewives wonder, he makes candy so deftly on the spot that the sweet-tooth is satisfied.

In the days of witchcraft such as Walden would have had their lives in jeopardy at all times.

Many amusing incidents are related of Walden's performances upon some unsuspecting friend while enjoying social visits.

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Walden, the versatile and unctious prestidigitator, will give a performance of conjuring and sleight-of-hand at the opera house on Tuesday night, March 20th. He cleverly and deftly performs many tricks of magic, conjuring and illusions.

Walden gives one of the most highly entertaining performances in his line. During private performances in New York state his work was most highly commended in the New York papers. It was predicted that, though being a mere youth, he was predestined to rank among the first prestidigitators of the country.

His work demonstrates that the hand is quicker than the eye, and is sure to entertain, amuse and mystify his audience.

The city will have an opportunity of seeing Walden, whose performances of conjuring, magic and sleight-of-hand have pleased so many audiences in New York state, where Walden made a specialty of giving performances at homes for parlor entertainments at social functions and at club entertainments.

Walden is, during such performances, at a great disadvantage, for his work is done but a few feet from the audience, and even under such conditions, Walden has sustained his reputation to deceive the eye of the most wary.

The deftness and cleverness in execution has won for him many compliments. Many amusing incidents he has created by producing from the pockets of his audience articles which the unsuspecting thought they did not contain.

Walden is youthful in appearance, but has grown old in his art for which, from his childhood, he has shown a natural aptitude. His performance is one to be enjoyed and remembered.

Walden will be able to convince one that the "longer you look, the less you know."

He will be seen at the opera house on March 20th.

The State Board of Health is to hold its annual meeting in Jacksonville on Tuesday, March 6th. Among other matters of importance, the resignation of Dr. Porter, as state health officer, will be considered. The people of the entire state hope that the board may succeed in inducing Dr. Porter to remain in a position in which he has done such signal service to the state, with such distinguished honor to himself.

Week's Hotel Arrivals Arcadia House

W R Eddins, Gainesville; L L Thrower, Tampa; J C Wheeler, N C Miller, Georgia; M O Overstreet, Orlando; S G Bon Durant, New York City; W D Parish, Tampa; G R Wright, Chicago; T M Brooks, Atlanta, Ga.; J L Lott, North Carolina; J R Beatty, Tampa; J J Heard, W H Heard, Arcadia; William D Brown, New Orleans, La.; H C Clark, Tampa; A J Futch, Ft. Wayne; T M Brooks, Atlanta, Ga.; E Hillman, Chattanooga; Thad W Braddy, Jacksonville; Earnest Bradford, Tampa; S P Stupherd, Winter Park; P C Cashman, Atlanta, Ga.; S G Bon Durant, New York; John R Sandlin, W Y Sandlin, Jasper; J R Sandlin, Punta Gorda; S J Brown, Savannah, Ga.; D G Mackethan, Jacksonville; S B Fickett, New York; B A Farnell, Zolfo; W Swarley, Owens; W G Mathes, New York; R E Brown and wife, Arcadia; O B Floyd, Orlando; Laurence L Thrower, E H Lester, Tampa; Wm F C Fellers, Jacksonville; W M Stou, Jr., Savannah; G W Parsley and wife, Illinois; P C Carbanan, Atlanta; Ernest Bradford, V V Sharpe, J W Parish, H C Robertson, G R Bravado, Tampa; J S Semple, Punta Gorda; I A Woods, Dade City; J J Heard, J H Peoples, Arcadia; W H Arnold, Jacksonville; J C Hawkins, Fort Myers; C G Davis, Punta Gorda; C Western, Jackson, Mich.; W G Welles, Nocatee; W H Hooker, C W Farrester, J J Heard, E A Thomas, Arcadia; G W Alexander, Brooksville, John H Ereadwell, George R Parker, Arcadia; H P Johnston, Gardner; Chas Mercer, Ona; W D Bell, Fort Myers; J C McNeil, Tampa; T R Reed, J J Heard and wife, R S King, Alex Pafie, C C Choller and children, Mrs E H Chollar, R E Brown and wife, Walter Graham, P R Reid, Arcadia; A C Miller Kansas City, Mo.; G L Henry, Jacksonville, Walter Ried, Plant City; Crosby Thompson, Cleveland, O.; W F Boyd, Auburn, Maine; Robt H Bryson, Winter Haven; D Samuels, Tampa; J D O'Hern, Tampa; R S Cing, —; W H Wyk-off, Missouri; F B Biddulper, Tallahassee; J J Heard, C C Choller, Arcadia; Z H Simmons, Zolfo; W A Carter, Gainesville; Alex Page, Nocatee; M E Goldsmith, Florida; John D Williams, St. Louis.

Tax Assessor's Rounds.

Owing to a mistake having occurred in court week I will have to change my appointments to read as follows:

Arcadia Monday, March 5 to 10 inclusive.
Brownville, Monday, March 12.
Nocatee, Tuesday, March 13.
Fort Ogden, Wednesday, March 14.
Cleveland, Thursday, March 15.
Grove City, Friday afternoon, March 16.
Charlotte Harbor, Saturday afternoon, March 17.
Punta Gorda, as before, March 19, 20 and 21.

F. M. COOPER,
Tax Assessor.

He Guessed Right.

"Ah, me," exclaimed Mrs. Nagget, "my shopping was most unsatisfactory today!"
"Huh," grunted Nagget; "trying to get something for nothing, I suppose!"
"Yes, dear. I was after a birthday gift for you."—Philadelphia Press.

Nine men out a possible ten would rather talk than be talked to.

Real Estate Transfers.

A W Gilchrist to H O Silcox, warranty deed, \$85.00.
T B King to N K Houston, warranty deed, \$1.00.
J J Anderson to Jno M Bates, warranty deed, \$1,900.
John M Bates to Jas M Taylor, quit claim, \$200.
H M Lanier et al to the Walters Grocery Company, mortgage, \$3,000.
Frank Smith to J. C. Smith, mortgage, \$1,130.
A W Gilchrist to T Ed Childs, warranty deed, \$40.
Mattox & Ratchliff to DH Vaughn, bond, \$1,000.
Taylor Frierson to D D Cline, warranty deed, \$250.
C C Morgan to Morgan, Barnes & Co, warranty deed, \$360.
T M Cross to T A Stephens, warranty deed, \$250.
Annie Urie to J R Vaughn, warranty deed, \$50.
E E Durrance to J R Vaughn, bill of sale, \$325.
Louis J Woodruff to Jno A Shoemaker, warranty deed, \$1.
J W Roney to J M Scott, warranty deed, \$1,600.
A F Dewey to P R P M Co, warranty deed, \$47,550.
J M Lanier to Jno C Pepper, quit claim, \$18.
Jno C Pepper to Jno M Weeks, quit claim, \$1.
T J Lawton to Jno Hinson, warranty deed, \$1.
Frank Todd to Mary H Pike, warranty deed, \$5,000.
Frank Todd to E T and H B Ross, warranty deed, \$500.
A S Watson to G R Parker, warranty deed, \$20.
G R Parker to Vancy Stephens, warranty deed, \$1.
Mollie Holt to M D Potter, warranty deed, \$75.
R W Williams to W K Sutherland, warranty deed, \$1.
F L Rutland to W L Scott, quit claim, \$640.
J B Mobley & Son to American L. F. Co., consideration, \$350.86.
Jesse Plat to J O Waters, quit claim, \$600.
E E Durrance to Jones Bros., bill of sale, \$200.
J M Johnson to Jones Bros., bill of sale, \$50.
M R Gill, to Jones Bros., bill of sale, \$250.43.
W S Hart to Jones Bros., warranty deed, \$50.
W G Welles, to J H Dees, warranty deed, \$85.

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE

Via Atlantic Coast Line—Through Trains Being Operated.

The Atlantic Coast Line and its connections are now operating solid through trains from Jacksonville to Atlanta, via Waycross, Tifton and Macon, with through coaches to Nashville, and Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars to St. Louis and Chicago.

Trains leave Jacksonville via ATLANTIC COAST LINE, daily, at 9 p. m., and arrive Tifton 1:25 a. m., Macon 4:40 a. m., Atlanta 7:50 a. m., Chattanooga 1:15 p. m., Nashville 6:55 p. m., Evansville 1:25 a. m., St. Louis 7:08 a. m. and Chicago 9:30 a. m.

Good connections are made at Jacksonville from all Florida points, thus affording the quickest and most convenient service from this territory to the West.

For further information see ticket agent, or, "Consult THE PURPLE FOLDER."

BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green, March 1.—A cloud hung over our pretty Tuesday morning followed by a refreshing shower.

Miss Eloise Dowd, a charming young lady of Arcadia, is with L. Seward, and will have charge of dry goods and millinery department.

Messrs. I. T. Thompson and Sweett of Greensboro, N. C., purchased the interest of Louis J. A. Atkins and twenty-five thousand acres of pine timber land in county. They will erect a thousand dollar plant and put ten miles of tram track. Two thousand dollars forfeiture money has been placed in the bank to show they mean business. S. B. Fickett of New York, representing S. Downs & Co., is in the city on business.

Dr. Gill left Tuesday on a business trip to the Gate City of the South. We trust he will meet with success.

Mrs. Louis Seward makes a charming picture sitting in the store window taking lessons in millinery. J. B. Williams of Fair Bluff, N. C., is a visitor to our city. We are reliably informed that he expects to engage in business with our fellow townsman Walter L. Giles. We give Mr. Williams a cordial welcome and put the young ladies on notice that the gentleman is fine looking, heart whole and fancy free.

J. E. Knight has moved to Zolfo and will engage in business.

L. P. Seward returned safely to the bosom of his family Sunday. He reports a fine trip bird shooting.

D. H. McRae will begin building an eight room two story dwelling for Mrs. Muller immediately.

Our literary school closes next Tuesday and has been voted a pronounced success. Prof. A. A. Rice and assistants have done faithful work for the children and their constituency are well satisfied with the services rendered.

L. P. Seward is opening up a thousand dollar stock of dry goods and millinery this week.

A. M. Chester has let the contract for a six room, one story dwelling. It is already in course of construction.

Postmaster Browning and family expect to leave Bowling Green Thursday for a week's outing. They will visit the pretty town of Clear Water. We wish for them a pleasant stay. J. B. Williams will hold down the postoffice during Mr. Browning's absence.

Miss Aurelia Jones returned to Jacksonville Tuesday after paying her father a pleasant visit.

Hosey Albritton is a hustler. He is getting in shape to serve the citizens and small boy with cool drinks at the new store on Main street.

Dr. Gill is moving his stock of drugs into the Hosey Albritton building where his customers can find him.

J. T. Croom is preparing to open up a first-class, tip top livery business the first of March. He has already secured the necessary license for embarking in the enterprise and expects to engage fifteen horses, eight Rockhill buggies, and two surreys. Some of the horses and vehicles are on hand and they are beauties. Mr. Croom would like a visitor to visit his establishment and take a drive behind a span of fine horses.

Don't forget to ring 'phone 98 for Insecticide. Yelvington Bros. of